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Hq. 12th Army Group
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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:250,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGE:

Boundary between V Corps and XII Corps: From vicinity Q3155 on Czechoslovakian border - Q4070 - L6000.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (171200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. (Army Troops). 1st French Armored Division. (With 2d Choc Gp atchd). No change.

I French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Division Reconnaissance Squadron commenced movement to the vicinity of MARSEILLES T4715 and was placed under command of the 19th French Region. 1th French Mountain Division. (With 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units captured an SS platoon in a farm house in the vicinity of C6372.

II French Corps. No change.

21 ARMY GROUP. (171200B). SECOND BRITISH ARMY. (Army Troops). 43d Division. Attached to XXX Corps effective 161800B and assumed responsibility for LANDKREIS HARBURG S5030, LANDKREIS SOLTAU S4000 and LANDKREIS ROTENBURG S1000.

XVIII US Airborne Corps. 5th British Division. Commenced the relief of the 6th British Airborne Division in the vicinity of T4278.

VIII British Corps. No change.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 160th Bde atchd). 8th Hussars moved four miles east to the vicinity of SCHWABSTEDT C0053. Front line change: C0053.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. Commenced to turn over the responsibility for the remaining portion of the BREMEN W7499 ENCLAVE to the 29th US Division. Guards Armored Division. (With 1st Household Cav Regt atchd). Units of the Scotch Guards Group commenced movement from HELGOLAND M0905 to the mainland.

I British Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. (Army Troops). 5th Canadian Armored Division (with 18th Cdn Armd Car Regt atchd) and 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 18th Canadian Armored Car Regiment. Attached to the 5th Canadian Armored Division. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Units of the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of R3307. 3d Canadian Division. Attached to I Canadian Corps. Relieved the 49th Division and assumed responsibility for the sector effective 171200B. The 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade reverted to division command. Units of the division concentrated in the area E1596 - E3584 - E3896 - E4093.

I Canadian Corps. 49th Division. (With 1st Cdn Armd Bde atchd). The 56th Brigade concentrated in the area E6473 - E6680.

AIR. (17 May). No operations.

4. WEATHER (Germany).

Precipitation: Isolated thunderstorms. Clouds: In general, small amount

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with some isolated thunder clouds, except in northern portion of the area where broken low clouds occurred in the afternoon. Visibility: 3 - 5 miles at dawn, except in local fog where limited to 1,000 yards, becoming more than 6 miles by 0900B, but limited to 2 miles in thunderstorms. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 86° F. Minimum 58° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. (Army Group Troops). Czechoslovakian Armored Brigade. Attached to 12th Army Group on 26th April and further attached to Third Army on 11 May.

SEVENTH ARMY. XXI, VI and XV Corps. All no change.

THIRD ARMY. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). Relieved from assignment to Third Army and 12th Army Group and assigned to Task Force "A" on 15 May.

III Corps. 4th Division. Completed the relief of Seventh Army units in that portion of REGIERUNGS BEZIRKE OBERFRANKEN and MITTELFRANKEN south of the boundary between Third and Seventh Armies.

XX Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 4th Armored Division. Continued to be relieved in place by V Corps Artillery. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved in place by V Corps Artillery. Occupied and assumed responsibility for LANDKREIS KOTZTING U8080.

V Corps. Assumed control of the area formerly held by the 2d Cavalry Group, 4th Armored Division and 90th Division at 172100B. 97th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BAMBERG 02648. Attached to III Corps at 172400B.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 2d Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. Corps Artillery assumed responsibility for LANDKREIS EISENACH H6545, LANDKREIS MEININGEN H8030, LANDKREIS SCHMALKALDEN H9530 and LANDKREIS SCHLEUSINGEN J1025. 6th Cavalry Group. Assumed responsibility for LANDKREIS SONNEBERG J4005 and LANDKREIS HILDEBURGHAUSEN J1005.

VII Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. 35th Division. Attached to XVI Corps at 181200B. Commenced to relieve 95th Division in place. 84th Division. Relieved the 35th Division in place and assumed responsibility for the sector.

XIX Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 95th Division. Commenced to be relieved in place by 35th Division.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of KOLN F4560.

XXIII and XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 172400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	86,585	359,201	44,695	11,191	501,672
Non-battle					460,978
Total Casualties					962,650

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

12th Army Group: 84th Division HANNOVER X3520.

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